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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, as revised on February 4, 1992, 1135 OG 23-24, Applicant hereby call the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of each of the documents is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

The family of JP 7-135318 cited herein includes:

US Patent No. 5,648,277

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US Patent No. 5,643,826

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